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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Sir

In response to the office action mailed on November 28, 2007, for which a shortened statutory period of three months for response ending February 28, 2008, was set in which to respond and for which pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a), a three-month extension, ending May 28, 2008, is hereby requested, the following amendments and comments are submitted and reconsideration of the claim rejections is respectfully submitted.

The required fee for this extension has been charged to Deposit Account 07-0832 using EFS-Web when this response was filed. Please charge any other fees owed in connection with this response to this Deposit Account, as well.

Listing/Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.